



Miami-Dade County had a total (reported) of 71 CERT members participate in recovery efforts for Hurricane Katrina. On behalf of their neighbors and Miami-Dade County **"THANK YOU"**.

6 South Dade members responded on August 26th to 22 homes in their Cutler Ridge neighborhood and assisted with clearing entryways of debris, and checking on the well being of everyone. No injuries reported.

15 members from Macy's traveled out-of-state to assist with recovery efforts for stores in Alabama and Mississippi, including neighborhood outreach activities, i.e. water/food distribution.

3 individuals canvassed their North Miami Beach neighborhood on Friday August 26th through Saturday August 27th and distributed Cyalume sticks to children in homes with no power. No injuries reported.

47 CERT members from all different teams participated by either working at donation collection centers or in the sorting and packaging of donated goods.

Hurricane Katrina

Although the damage suffered by Miami-Dade County pales to that of our Gulf Coast neighbors, Hurricane Katrina none the less reeked havoc on many of our neighborhoods. As CERT members you were, hopefully, prepared to deal with the damage and shortage of necessities left behind in her wake.

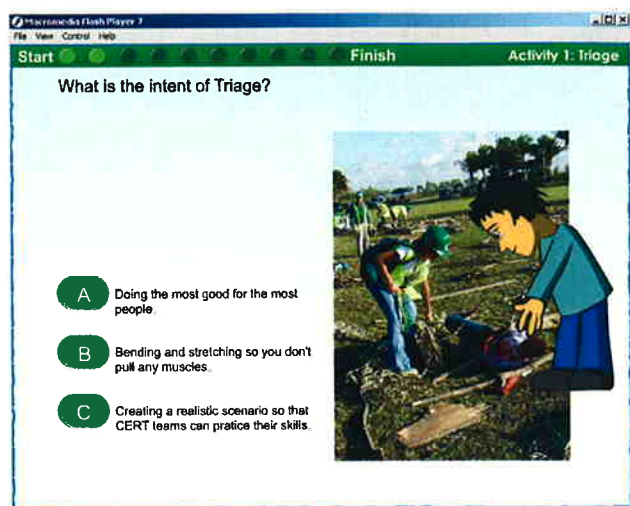
I want to thank those of you, Babs and her South Dade Team and Mike and his team from the Beach, for utilizing your training and responding to your neighborhoods. As we talked I got the impression from both of you that you felt like you really hadn't accomplished anything. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am grateful that there were no fires for you to extinguish or injuries to treat.

I feel a sense of personal pride, on behalf of our CERT program, that your teams took the initiative and responded to your neighbors. Sometimes all it takes to make a situation better is for a caring individual to come forth and say, "I wanted to make sure you were okay". I am confident that your neighborhoods, when more adversely impacted by a disaster, are in capable and caring hands until the professionals arrive.

Warm Regards,

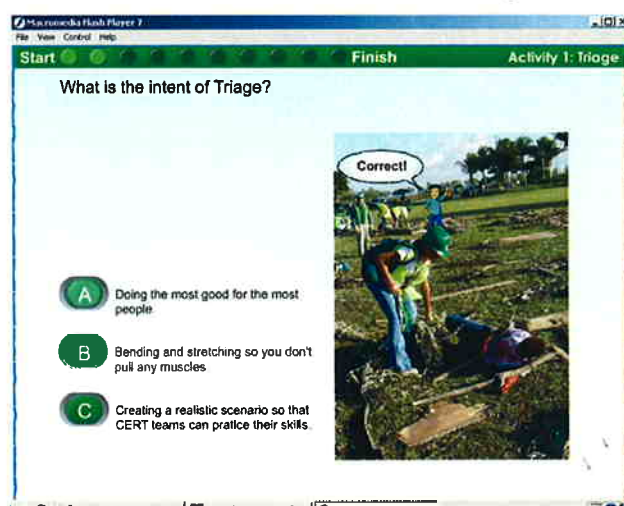
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I was only able to list those CERT members that contacted me to make me aware of their activities. Sorry if I missed anyone. Please remember to notify this office at CERT@miamidade.gov of all your CERT activities.



Phase One of our Virtual Exercise is almost complete. Things got put on hold due to Hurricane Katrina and the introduction of the County's 311 Call Center but hopefully we can not get back on track. Here is a pictorial of how the exercise works.

The OEM developed this exercise for team participation. CERTs are presented with a series of multiple-choice questions and several team activities. Teams that complete the exercise as a group can substitute it for the annual recommended tabletop exercise.



Of course, this doesn't mean that individuals won't benefit from the exercise. It allows everyone to keep their knowledge base current and practice requisite skills.

I'll let everyone know when its available for your use. That's about it for now so until text time....

Roslyn.